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- 3 1. An amusement park, comprising:
- 4 (a)
- 5 (g) a wireless transceiver associated with said guest account designator for a plurality of
- 6 attraction facilities;
- 7 (b) a central computer;
- 8 (c) a plurality of attraction facility computers, each of said attraction facility computers
- 9 being associated with one of said attraction facilities;
- 10 (d) a plurality of communication channels coupling information in two directions
- between said central computer and said plurality of attraction facility computers;
- (e) an input device for receiving information indicating the number of persons in a
- group entering the amusement park and for assigning a guest account designator to
- each said group, and for assigning an individual guest identification designator;
- 15 (f) a detectable marker unit adapted to be physically associated with each guest and
- encoded with said guest's guest account designator; and communicating with said
- 17 central computer to send and receive information.

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- 2. An amusement park as in claim 1, further comprising;
- 20 (h) a charge card terminal or other cash crediting device for crediting an amount of
- 21 money to said guest account designator; and
- 22 (i) a cash debiting device responsive to said detectable marker unit associated with a
- 23 particular attraction facility for debiting dollar amounts associated with a said
- 24 particular attraction facility.

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26 3. An amusement park as in claim 1, wherein said detectable marker is a wrist band.

- 4. An amusement park as in claim 1, wherein said information received by said wireless
- 2 transceiver relates to facility operations, the facility operations information being
- 3 coupled by said attraction facility computers to said central computer.

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- 5 5. An amusement park as in claim 1, wherein said detectable marker unit is associated
- 6 with the characteristics of a guest.

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- 8 6. An amusement park as in claim 1, further comprising:
- 9 (h) a grid of location detectors responsive to the proximity of said detectable marker
- units to determine the location of the individual guest associated with each detectable
- 11 marker unit; and
- (i) a transmitter coupled to receive the output of said location detectors and transmit
- detection of guests to said central computer.

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- 7. An amusement park as in claim 6, wherein said server is responsive to guest location
- information received from said transmitter to determine the likelihood of a dangerous
- 17 condition, said server being responsive to the detection of and elevated likelihood of a
- dangerous condition to communicate an alarm to said transceiver, said transceiver
- including an indicator device to signal set alarm.

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8. An amusement park as in claim 7, wherein said indicator device is an audible alarm.

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- 9. An amusement park as in claim 6, wherein said transceiver includes a display for
- sending and receiving messages and for displaying a map of said amusement park
- 25 indicating the locations of people in the group associated with said transceiver and/or
- 26 facilities which may be visited by people in said group.

- 10. An amusement park as in claim 1, wherein said transceiver is program with
- 2 interactive games.

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- 4 11. An amusement park as in claim 10, wherein said interactive games are games
- 5 between participants holding their own transceivers.

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- 7 12. An amusement park as in claim 1, further comprising:
- 8 (h) a charge card terminal or other cash crediting device for crediting an amount of
- 9 money to said guest account designator;
- 10 (i) a cash debiting device responsive to said detectable marker unit associated with a
- particular attraction facility for debiting dollar amounts associated with said particular
- 12 attraction facility;
- 13 (j) a grid of location detectors responsive to the proximity of said detectable a marker
- units to determine the location for the individual guest associated with each detectable
- 15 market unit; and
- (k) a transmitter coupled to receive the output of said location detectors and transmit
- detection of guests to said central computer.

- 19 13. An amusement park as in claim 12, wherein said detectable marker is a wrist band,
- said information received by said wireless transceiver relates to facility operations, the
- facility operations information being coupled by said attraction facility computers to
- 22 said central computer, said detectable marker unit is associated with the characteristics
- of a guest, said server is responsive to guest location information received from said
- transmitter to determine the likelihood of a dangerous condition, said server being
- responsive to the detection of an elevated likelihood of a dangerous condition to
- 26 communicate and alarm to said transceiver, said transceiver including an indicator
- 27 device to signal set alarm, said indicator device being and audible alarm, said
- 28 transceiver includes a display for sending and receiving messages and for displaying a

- map of said amusement park indicating the location of people in the group associated
- with said transceiver and/or facilities which may be visited by people in said group,
- 3 and said transceiver is programmed with interactive games.

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- 5 14. An amusement park as in claim 1, wherein said central server is a virtual set of
- 6 connections between computing devices located at said attraction facility computers.

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- 8 15. A method of hosting a guest at an amusement park, comprising:
- 9 (a) receiving a group of guests;
- 10 (b) assigning a transceiver device to said group of guests;
- (c) collecting funds from said group of guests;
- 12 (d) identifying individual guests;
- (e) associated each individual guests with an individual transponder in accordance with
- 14 guest characteristics;
- 15 (f) assigning said funds among the transponder is associated with said transceiver
- 16 device;
- 17 (g) periodically checking location of individual guests by monitoring transponder
- 18 detectors;
- 19 (h) determining the existence of an elevated likelihood of a dangerous condition;
- 20 (i) sending an alarm in response to the detection of an elevated likelihood of a
- 21 dangerous condition to the associated transceiver; and
- 22 (j) charging funds against a particular transponder in response to the use of a facility
- associated with said amusement park.

- 16. A method hosting a guest in an amusement park as in claim 15, further comprising:
- 26 (k) collecting an essential server information respecting a plurality of facilities in said
- 27 amusement park:
- 28 (l) transmitting said information to said transceiver; and